



*b/IRX
A. H. O. O. O.
11/20/02

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Masahiro KAWASAKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2851

Appln. No. : 09/955,089⁰⁹⁸

Filed : September 19, 2001

For : ZOOM FLASH AND FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY SYSTEM

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,
Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-54352, which was published on
February 25, 1997, along with English language patent family member U.S. Patent No.
6,067,422 to TOKUNAGA et al., which issued on May 23, 2000;

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and
cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have
been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. The Examiner is
respectfully requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form
and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in
the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

RECEIVED
DEC 21 2001
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

P21042.A01

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following copending and commonly assigned patent applications:

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/531,476 to NUMAKO et al., entitled "External Flash Control System", which was filed on March 20, 2000;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/955,163 to KAWASAKI et al., entitled "Multi-Flash Photography System", which was filed on September 19, 2001;

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/955,145 to KAWASAKI et al., entitled "Flash Photography System", which was filed on September 19, 2001; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/955,208 to KAWASAKI et al., entitled "Flash Photography System", which was filed on September 19, 2001.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-mentioned applications are attached hereto. However, the Examiner is also requested to review the file wrapper of these U.S. patent application at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and the references of record, if any, cited therein.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

December 18, 2001
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C.
1941 Roland Clarke Place
Reston, VA 20191
(703) 716-1191

Respectfully submitted,
Masahiro KAWASAKI

William E. Zygar Reg. No. 41,568

Bruce H. Bernstein
Reg. No. 29,027

Form PTO-1449

U.S. Department of Commerce
Patent and Trademark OfficeAtty. Docket No.
P21042Serial No.
09/955,089INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
BY APPLICANT

(Use several sheets if necessary)

Applicant
Masahiro KAWASAKI et al.Filing Date
September 19, 2001Group
2851

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| EXAMINER INITIAL | DOCUMENT NUMBER | | | | | | | DATE | NAME | CLASS | SUBCLASS | FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE |
|---------------------|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|-----------------|-------|----------|-------------------------------|
| | 6 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 05/23/00 | TOKUNAGA et al. | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| | DOCUMENT NUMBER | | | | | | | DATE | COUNTRY | CLASS | SUBCLASS | TRANSLATION YES NO | |
|--|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|---------|-------|----------|-----------------------|--|
| | 9 | - | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 02/25/97 | JAPAN | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.